

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

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DENNIS J. WILLARD,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No. 2:17-cv-14202  
Hon. Gershwin A. Drain

HUNTINGTON FORD, INC.,  
a Michigan corporation,

Defendant.

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**STIPULATED ORDER SUBSTITUTING  
PARTY FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF PLAINTIFF**

At a status conference on April 1, 2022, counsel for plaintiff informed the Court that plaintiff had passed away and that an estate was being opened in Lapeer County, MI, where plaintiff resided.

By Order of the Lapeer County Probate Court dated May 3, 2022, Dean E. Patrick, has been appointed personal representative of plaintiff's estate (a copy of the *Letters of Authority for Personal Representative* is attached as **Exhibit A**).

In light of plaintiff's death and the appointment of a personal representative, and to avoid motion practice on this issue, the parties stipulate and agree to the following:

1. Dean E. Patrick shall be substituted for plaintiff in this matter; and
2. The caption shall be amended to identify Dean E. Patrick as Personal Representative of Dennis J. Willard, deceased.

All dates in the Court's April 11<sup>th</sup> Scheduling Order shall proceed as scheduled.

SO ORDERED.

s/Gershwin A. Drain  
HON. GERSHWIN A. DRAIN  
United States District Judge

Dated: May 23, 2022

We stipulate to entry of  
the foregoing order:

By: /s/ Brian J. Farrar  
Brian J. Farrar (P79404)  
Attorney for Plaintiff

Dated: May 20, 2022

By: /s/Ebony L. Duff w/permission  
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Dated: May 20, 2022